Rock-Tenn CO Form 4 February 03, 2009

#### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading HOPKINS JOHN D Issuer Symbol Rock-Tenn CO [RKT] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 504 THRASHER STREET 01/30/2009 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting NORCROSS, GA 30071

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| (City)                               | (State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |   |   |  |       |             |  |  | ly Owned  |  |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securi<br>on(A) or Di<br>(Instr. 3, | spose | ed of (D)   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |  |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock           | 01/30/2009   |   | A                                       | 2,500<br>(1)                           | A     | \$<br>31.17 | 51,364   | D  |   |  |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock           |  |   |   |  |       |             | 3,000  | I  | By Trust  |  |  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock           |  |   |   |  |       |             | 100  | I  | By Spouse   |  |  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5.         | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and     | 7. Title an     | d 8. Price of | 9. Nu  |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transactio | onNumber   | Expiration Da | ate             | Amount of       | f Derivative  | Deriv  |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code       | of         | (Month/Day/   | Year)           | Underlying      | g Security    | Secui  |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e             |                 | Securities      | (Instr. 5)    | Bene   |
|             | Derivative  |                     |                    |            | Securities |               |                 | (Instr. 3 ar    | nd 4)         | Own    |
|             | Security    |                     |                    |            | Acquired   |               |                 |                 |               | Follo  |
|             | •           |                     |                    |            | (A) or     |               |                 |                 |               | Repo   |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | Disposed   |               |                 |                 |               | Trans  |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | of (D)     |               |                 |                 |               | (Instr |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | (Instr. 3, |               |                 |                 |               |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | 4, and 5)  |               |                 |                 |               |        |
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|             |             |                     |                    |            |            | Date          | Expiration Date | Title Number of | mber          |        |
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|             |             |                     |                    | Code V     | (A) (D)    |               |                 | Sha             | ares          |        |

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HOPKINS JOHN D 504 THRASHER STREET X NORCROSS, GA 30071

### **Signatures**

Robert B. McIntosh (attorney-in-fact pursuant to power of attorney filed previously with SEC)

02/03/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Stock grant award will vest on first anniversary

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